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(C) Pol/Econ Chief November 1 delivered reftel demarche concerning the upcoming Arab League Central Boycott Office meeting to MFA Assistant Under Secretary for Coordination and Follow Up Shaikh Abdul Aziz bin Mubarak Al Khalifa. Shaikh Abdul Aziz affirmed that Bahrain would not attend the upcoming meeting, as it has not attended the past several boycott office meetings. Bahrain has made a strategic decision in support of its national interests not to enforce the Arab League boycott and it does not attend boycott office meetings. "We pursue a path that is most beneficial to the economy of Bahrain," Shaikh Abdul Aziz said. He promised to monitor the issue closely.

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